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| Akihiro HIKICHI et al. |) | Group Art Unit: 1771 |
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated March 3, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A non-asbestos friction material comprising:

a fibrous reinforcement;

a friction modifier;

a binder; and

a soluble amorphous substance mixed as friction material components, wherein

the soluble amorphous substance is a composition composed of SiO₂ as a principal

component, 18 to 40 wt% of at least one kind of CaO and MgO, less than 10 wt% of at

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